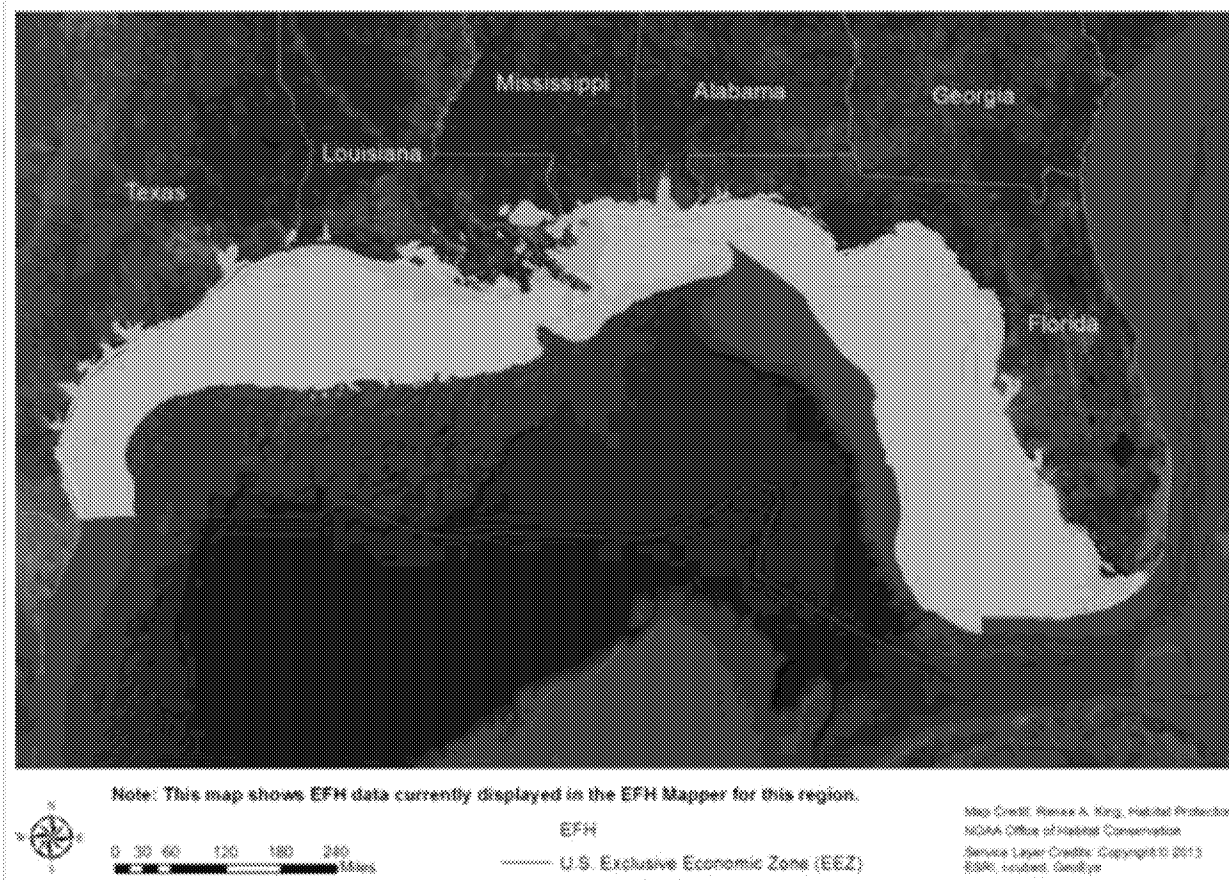


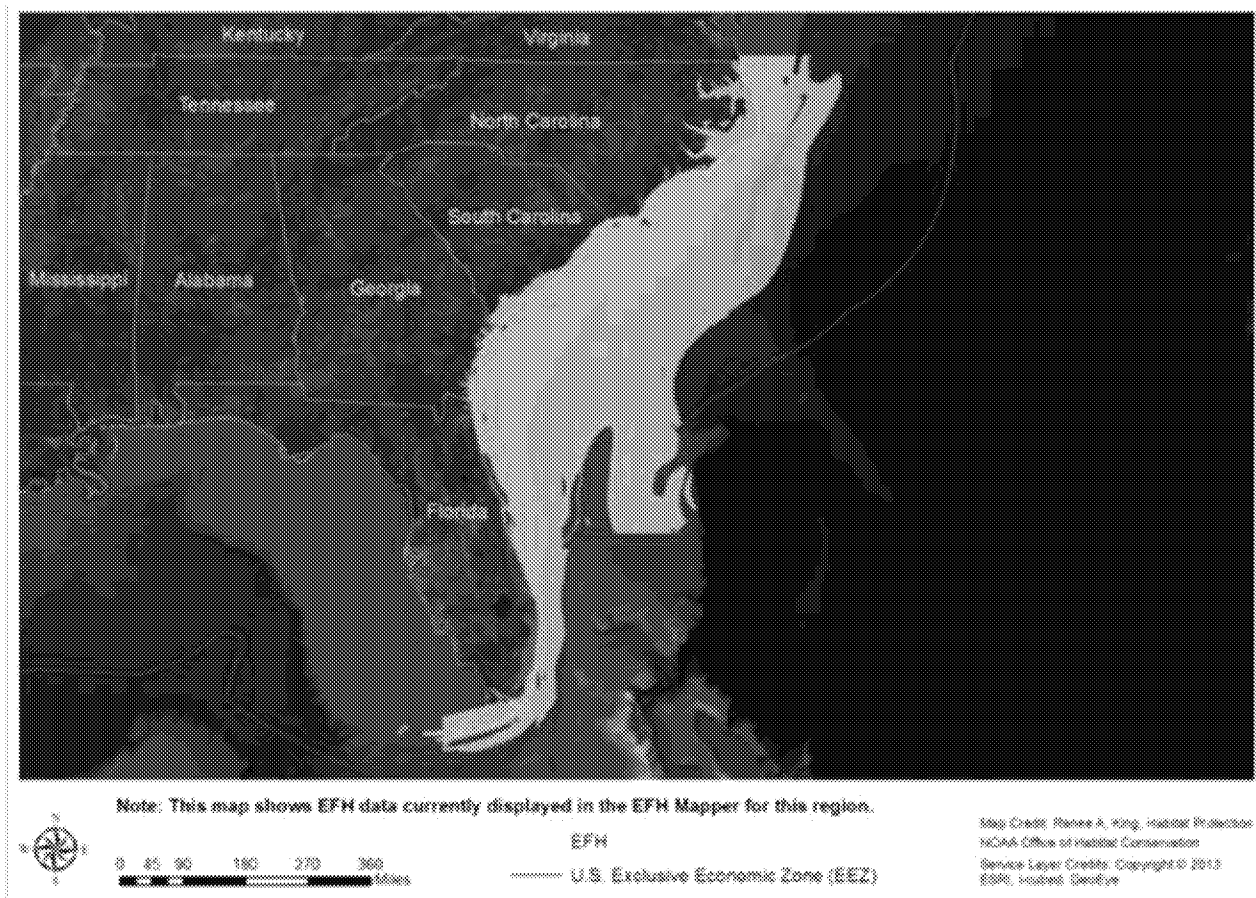
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Quick follow up: NOAA has already mapped EFH for all species on a single map in the Gulf and the South Atlantic. You'll see below that EFH is primarily mapped in the Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic, but also in a very small number of Florida inland waters along the coastline (e.g., Suwannee River, Tarpon River, St. Johns River, Ochlockonee River, Escambia River, Choctawhatchee River, Lower Withlacoochee River). These waterbodies are all identified on USACE Jacksonville District's RHA Section 10 List, and Florida's 404 program assumption will not result in adverse impacts to EFH. These EFH maps confirm NMFS's 10/30/20 letter stating that NMFS is not requesting EPA initiate EFH consultation and noting that further EFH consultation on Florida 404 assumption is not necessary.





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Dave, attached are [NOAA EFH Mapper](#) screenshots for shrimp EFH. Shrimp EFH is primarily mapped in the Gulf of Mexico, but also in a very small number of Florida inland waters. I cross-walked all of these waterbodies with [USACE Jacksonville District's RHA Section 10 List](#), and all of them are included on the list. As such, they are not assumable by Florida under CWA Section 404(g). (Note that there is no shrimp EFH in the South Atlantic Region which encompasses the Atlantic coast of Florida.)

Owen